

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., November 19, 2019
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following minutes:

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held October 31, 2019; and*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held November 5, 2019.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve agenda with the following additions:

- J16. *Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Delinquent Water, Refuse & Sewer Collection Accounts*
- J17. *Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Apply to the Blandin Foundation for a Technology Grant for the City Auditorium*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – October 15-31, 2019 in the amount of \$136,840.26
2. Application for Exempt Permit from Curl Mesabi to conduct raffle on March 26, 2020 at Range Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick, Eveleth, MN

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Consent Agenda.
Ayes – All.*

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Change Order No. 2 from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$3,013 for 2019 Jackson Street 300 Block Improvements**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Change Order No. 2 from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$3,013.00 for 2019 Jackson Street 300 Block Improvements. Ayes – All.

- 2. Pay Request No. 2/final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$127,359.35 for 2019 Jackson Street 300 Block Improvements**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 2/Final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$127,359.35 for 2019 Jackson Street 300 Block Improvements. Ayes – All.

- 3. Resolution Accepting Donation from John Colosimo for 2019 Mayor's Ball**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2019-25, "Resolution Accepting Donation from John Colosimo for 2019 Mayor's Ball" and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Colosimo for his donation. Ayes – All.

4. Resolution Designating Polling Places

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-26, “Resolution Designating Polling Places.” Ayes – All.

5. Renewal for 2 a.m. License/Permit for Snicker’s Lounge, 212 Grant Avenue

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve renewal for 2 a.m. License Permit for Snicker’s Lounge, 212 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

6. Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Fiscal Year 2020 St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-27, “Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Fiscal Year 2020 St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program.” Ayes – All.

7. Resolution Ordering Preparation of an Updated Feasibility Study for 2020 Garfield Street Improvements Project

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-28, “Resolution Ordering Preparation of an Updated Feasibility Study for 2020 Garfield Street Improvements Project.” Ayes – All.

8. Authorize Benchmark Engineering to proceed with engineering field work for 2020 Garfield Street Improvements Project

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize Benchmark Engineering to proceed with engineering field work for 2020 Garfield Street Improvements Project. Ayes – All.

9. Exhibit B to Resolution 2019-05 – 2020 Garfield Street Improvements Project

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Exhibit B to Resolution No. 2019-05, 2020 Garfield Street Improvements Project. Ayes – All.

10. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – 2020 Garfield Street Improvements Project

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2019-29, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – 2020 Garfield Street Improvements Project.” Ayes – All.

11. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Leonidas Overlook Improvements

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-30, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Leonidas Overlook Improvements.” Ayes – All.

12. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – City Auditorium Stage & Audiovisual Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-31, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – City Auditorium Stage & Audiovisual Improvements.” Ayes – All.

13. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Grant Avenue Pocket Park

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-32, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Grant Avenue Pocket Park.” Ayes – All.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the pocket park project would include renovating and converting some asphalt in downtown Eveleth into green space with trees and plants, a picnic area, and public Wi-Fi access. The long term project (estimated at \$220,000) would also bring in a new mural.

14. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Quad Cities Interconnected Water Capacity Study

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2019-33, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Quad Cities Interconnected Water Capacity Study.” Ayes – All.

15. Approve scope of work for 5th Street ditch improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve scope of work for 5th Street ditch improvements in the amount of \$9,172.00. Ayes – All.

The City was presented with two improvements options for the drainage issue on 5th Street in West Eveleth. The Council opted to begin with the least expensive phase. In the event this does not fix the issue, the City can continue with the second phase of the improvement.

16. Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Delinquent Water, Refuse & Sewer Collection Accounts

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-34, “Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Delinquent Water, Refuse & Sewer Collection Accounts.” Ayes – All.

17. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Apply to the Blandin Foundation for a Technology Grant for the City Auditorium

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-35, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Apply to the Blandin Foundation for a Technology Grant for the City Auditorium.” Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Lillis updated the Council on the new ambulance which arrived on Sunday. The vehicle is 4-wheel drive and should serve the needs of the department for years to come. Lillis commented that the City may be looking to purchase an additional ambulance in the near future as the other ambulance has been problematic. Councilor Lillis said he would like everyone to know that the ambulance service does a lot more for the community than just making runs. He said the staff has been known to help someone in the community in need, and not necessarily for just medical issues. He wants the public to realize that there is a lot more to the ambulance service than just the emergency side.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich concurred that the public servants do a lot more than people think. He referred to a recent incident in Hibbing when the door of the handicapped van he was driving malfunctioned. A police officer assisted him with the door so he could bring his wheel chair bound wife back home to Eveleth. Vlasisavljevich said he would like to send a letter to the Mesabi Daily News to make this known. The majority of service performed is not just picking up criminals, but assisting the public every day.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.